

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADERSHIP

THERE is a natural craving to become leader of one's kind, but such a position, when attained, carries with it its measure of responsibility, proportioned to the importance of the position occupied. One sees this illustrated on the playground, in fashionable society, in military ranks, in all forms and grades of business pursuits, and it is none the less true in religious undertakings and enterprises. A boy insists on being given the position of pilot on a bob-sled during the coasting season. His companions, through regard to him, or because of his persistence, yield to his desire; but woe to them if he be not competent to guide the heavily laden coaster safely to the bottom of the hill. The fireman looks forward eagerly to the day when he will have charge of an engine as its engineer, but when the promotion comes he trembles as he thinks of the many lives for whose safety he is so largely responsible.

The same principle holds in the religious world, as in business or warfare. There is no position of leadership which does not carry with it its measure of solemn responsibility, commensurate with its dignity and importance. When one is chosen to fill any office in the church or any of its branches of service—from the professor's chair to membership in the humblest committee—the position is not conferred as a personal compliment, or for the gratification of personal vanity, or for personal advantage, but as a means of fixing personal responsibility. And both God and man hold the one so selected accountable for the faithful performance of the obligations imposed.

We believe that there is nothing more needed today than a revival of consciousness of the obligations of leadership, and the desire and determination to have a conscience void of offense toward God and man. We need not expect the church to be more loyal than its leaders, or to move forward with greater zeal and fidelity than is exhibited by those who are chosen to such positions of responsibility.

We write these words, not as a charge of unfaithfulness, but as a reminder that upon the fidelity and zeal of leaders in any department will depend the fidelity and zeal of the whole body.

IF NOT YOU, THEN WHO?

If church members who have been taught the Christian faith, and know a little at least about Jesus Christ and his sacrifice, and his church, do not attend church, why should the non-church member ever bother himself about going to church? The church member who does not go to church is simply confirming the non-church person is his neglectful condition. Church members, you are either with Jesus Christ or against Him. There is no such a thing as being on the fence. What evidence are you giving that you are a Christian? By their fruits ye shall know them.

To exult even o'er an enemy oppressed, and heap affliction on the afflicted, is the mark and the mean triumph of a dastard soul.—George Smollett.

As Christian workers we are not asked to do the unnatural but we are expected to do the unusual.

WHAT WE MAY HEAR

INCLINE your ear, and come unto me; hear and your soul shall live and I will make an everlasting covenant with you.—Isaiah 55:3.

Science has proven that radio waves are around and about us at all times. These waves are composed of elements which cannot be detected by the human ear without an instrument of transformation. If it were not for this instrument, we would go through life without knowing that these sounds exist.

Many men go through life without any knowledge of the fundamental principles of life which have been established for our guidance. The ways of knowledge and truth are ever present, but many never see the truth or understand, because they have not used the means through which this knowledge and truth may be received.

The ways of truth and knowledge are revealed to us through the teachings of Christ. The church is one of the means through which we may reach a better understanding of these principles, the application of which means contentment of mind and the satisfaction which comes to all who live a Christian life.

Support the church by your attendance.

THE GREATEST THINGS.

- The best day—today.
- The greatest deceiver—one who deceives himself.
- The most beautiful woman—the one you love.
- The greatest mistake—giving up.
- The most expensive indulgence—hate.
- The cheapest, stupidest and easiest thing to do—finding fault.
- The greatest trouble-maker—talking too much.
- The worst bankrupt—the soul that has lost its enthusiasm.
- The cleverest man—one who always does what he thinks is right.
- The best teacher—one who makes you want to learn.
- The best part of anyone's religion—gentleness and cheerfulness.
- The meanest feeling—jealousy.
- The most important training—training in democracy.
- The greatest need—common sense.
- The best gift—forgiveness.—Dr. Frank Crane.

He who never doubts never thinks; but he who only doubts has no time for thought.

God is no respecter of persons, nor of personalities.



The Wise Old Owl Says:

THE best training for a child is the training of good example.