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## CHRTSTIAN ENERGY

 "WhistoereThe time allotted to man by his Creator, is not
only sfort but uncertain. If, from the earliest peonly slort but uncertain. If, from the earliest pe-
riod of responsibility, to the three-score years and ten, which is reached by comparatively so small a ter has characterized his life, still much will have oen. But how few, in early life, dedicate themselves
to the service of God! Who suffers not many earr to pass away, without seeking, and finding, minterest in the blood of Christ?
The text of Seripture which has
as the motto of thisture which has been selceted or effort, and for action. There are two aspects in which it is proposed to consider it. First, as
relating to strenuous endeavors for the increase of personal piety in our own hearts; and secondly,
lor b ringing others, over whom any influence can
bo hr bringing others, over whom any
be exereted, within the fold of Christ.
add desperately wicked." There is therefore, a Onstanteall for watchfulness and prayer. The dulurements in ever changing forms, to entice from the strait and narrow wry in which the word of
Gol commands the Christian to walk. "Wateh Sinfipay, lest ye enter into temptation," said the
firel that this what Christian is there who ddes no fart thantess it be carnestly heeded, soon he will find the he has wandereed from his Father's home, and
will be obliged to mourn the withdrawal of the light of that countenance without which the deep Thconsantly y mproud his pathway is As he who He most happy, and the most likely to obtain the
Taired objeet so will the Chritt seemoussly labors to eradieate sin from his own Nolters, and all ber "watys to be wayys of plea
dear conceeptions of and have Winereased loy, and hasd mind be dratin forth Movernediation he ean alone rely for aceeptance
mith Giod There is too muveh reason to feat that Tple lo eniov which it is the privilege of an Christ Wicl kare ineurnbeopt upon them migs followers of tho the


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 Bride say, Come," but "let him that heareth say,
Come." The fountain in which all may wash, is ever open, the waters of fife flow abundantly frem
the throne of God anid the Lamb, and all that will may come and patakke of them. It is far from the
object of the writer to urge myy interferceee with
the duties of the elter comectipg links between. them and the worid: and
by exaniple, by precept, by waming and admoni-
tions, and by words "fitly spoken," it is ungiee Houably the duty of "every christion to "come up up
to thie help of the Lord." and to aid in disseminat-
ing the knowledge of the "t ing the kuowledge of the "truth as it is in Jesus",
With energy and with spirit they are required io
abor for this object. By doing so, their own hap-
piness will be inereased, the Saviour's kinmiom. Will be enlarged, and the fruit of rightiteousnets will
be boiongt forth. The work, to ensurestecess, must be done wit
"might". Nuch is lost for wath of zeal and a
dor in the cavee. The fumblest Cbristion is no deroid of personal influence; erery one who ha
named the name of Clirist is called upon to exe that influence in the cause of hisclaster; and fec ously to labor as well as fervently to pray, that the
knowledge of the Lord Jesus may be co-extensive
with creation. with creation. That one who is contented with
profession of religion, and who, though not thoor-
etically indifferent to the salvation of others, stil neglects to "do with might", fiom whaterere camee,
what can be done for the salvation of those never-
dying souls by whom he is surronided; not culy
neglects to perform a manifest neglects to perform a manifest duty enjoined by
the word of God, but deprives himself of a source
of happiness, nnd a peace of mind, which the world of happiness, nod a peace of mind, which the worl
cannot give or take avwy. If we really believe
that the value of the soul is above nll price; if we
really fove tbat Saviour who gave himself a willing
sacrifice for the redeuption of mankind, how is in sacrifice er the reclenption of mankind, how is in
possible to hesitate in using every effort for the
purpose of bringing within the fold of Christ those who are wandering upon the mountains of sth, ns
heep without a shepherd, andof leading them into
he " the "green pastures, and besicte the still waters
of religion.
If all who love Christ, would with their "might" perform this daty, soon would the aspect of the
world be clianged. Our sanctuaries of prnye would not contain the worshippers who would throng about their portals. Songs of praise and
thankgiving wonld resound thronghout the world and the knowledge of redeering grace woul sca," We are taught by Christ himself to pray, "Thy kingdom come", and to this prayer shoul
be added every eflopt for the accomplistment. the prapese Both are reguired. What man can do must be done, and, in the language of Seripture,
done with "might." Various are the motives which urge to this object, but the most importan
of all is that giver by the "preacher", \&For there is.no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wis period for labors, for self-qdvancement, or for others will cease. "As the tree falleth, so it must lie." Regret will then be unavailing that energy in the cause of Christ has not characterized our inter-
course with others, and our dealings with our own hearts Christian's life is one of constant warfare. The enemy of, souls is ever ppon the alert. The Therefore, "whatsoever thy haind findeth to do, do yalue of ciaractike to a minister. Charicter is justly estcemed as above all price

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