

We should go to meetings with the desire in our hearts to get the blessing, and not because it is the proper thing to do. We greatly long that all our members may experience the blessedness which comes from united waiting upon the Lord. It ought not to be true that we can have just as good a time if we spend the hour in our rooms with the Lord, because if we are members one of another and each one united to the Lord in the life and power of His spirit, when we meet thus united, we shall be made real helpers one of another.

It is important to make our daily family readings times of real worship, where we should have united family prayer, though not always necessarily vocal. We should live in such close daily communion with Christ, that when we go to our meetings we shall carry with us some of the fire which burns on our own altars; then we could with confidence say to others, "Come with us, and we will do you good". Beloved, let us love one another as Christ has loved us. Love seeketh not her own. We all feel we have a right to that which is our own, but it is these very things which we are privileged to give

up, and in so doing gain a glorious victory for the Lord. We need not live in a continual effort to maintain love, but by living in continual communion with the Lord we may have His love so shed abroad in our hearts that it will overflow to those with whom we come in contact, and we should have no desire to speak evil of another.

The daily prayerful reading of the Bible is essential to healthy spiritual life. The soul needs food, as well as the body. The influence of the father's or mother's prayer at family devotion is a real protection to the child, as it goes out to face the daily temptations.

We must testify in our lives against worldliness, if we would teach our children unselfishness in their pursuit of pleasure. It is not always the abstract evil in worldly amusements that constitutes their danger. The follower of Christ should recognize that so long as he is seeking his own pleasure, even in little things, he runs a continual risk of hurting others by his influence.

In upholding our testimonies, we should