

"Without Me ye can do nothing"; "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" These two expressions of the Lord Jesus remind us at once of our helplessness in ourselves, and of His eternal readiness to supply our need. Therefore we may at all times rejoice in the Lord, and extol Him.

The Lord wants a people who will take up and carry on his work gladly. The doctrine of Peace, of the leading of the Holy Spirit, the spiritual interpretation of Baptism and the Supper and other important conceptions of Christian truth and practice are not to be neglected. On the other hand we are to go out into the world to exemplify and advocate them. We have become freed from many of the trammels of the past. Let us in the true spirit of freedom take Jesus Christ as our pattern, and go forward in harmony with Him and in the power of his Spirit.

His love brings us into an experience where we desire to serve. In this spirit we who are ministers will be careful not to place ourselves on a higher plane than others. We are but sinners saved by grace. We have nothing that we have not received. Sometimes there is a tendency on the part of the membership to exalt us; but let us beware of yielding to this, or in any degree to pride, or to an undue estimate of the official dignity of our position. Such self-

exaltation, so far from assisting us in our work of winning the world, hinders it. If we but come where we can truly realize fellowship and sympathy with men, we reach a vantage ground that cannot be attained from the clerical standpoint. Experience shows that the official attitude very often tends to shut the door of the hearts of the people against the message, while a man who approaches other men, as himself a man on the same simple footing in the daily struggle of life, will often meet with responsive attention. Many never enter a place of worship, and this makes it all the more important for those of us who preach to be in a position when we can drop seed into their minds. Friends in this respect have special advantages. We simply acknowledge our ministers for the sake of good order and control, and then listen to help and encourage them; but instead of exalting them this should cause the ministers to be humble, and to remember that the treasure is in earthen vessels. Our desire is to bring people to believe in the Lord not through our own authority or eloquence, but because they are brought to hear his invitation in their own hearts, and to believe in Him because they have seen Him for themselves.

We encourage all our members to be faithful in attending all our meetings. It is a privilege, a duty and a service. When