

going to reach this state? In order to do it we must continue in the faith, grounded and settled and be not moved away from the hope of the Gospel. Have you ever been moved away from the hope of the Gospel? If you have not you are not human. Every one of us takes his eyes off the Lord. We look at earthly things. We turn into our own selfish thoughts, and purposes. Instead of keeping our minds on things above.

A simple illustration will show the point. Suppose that a wealthy person were to say to you, For every person you lead to know Christ as Saviour, I will give you \$50. You just bring me his name and a statement by him that you led him to the Lord. Suppose he were to give you this promise today, and you knew he was a man of his word. Would you during the next week talk to more people about the Lord than you will if you do not have any such promise? How many people are there who can truly say, I will speak to just as many about Christ and present His Word just as faithfully without such a promise as I would if I were given that promise. I fear there are not many. Our thoughts are on

This is not to say there is any thing wrong in working for money. This is not to say it is everyone's duty to spend every minute of his time talking to people about the Lord. Not at all. It is simply to illustrate the fact that an earthly advantage will often rank far larger in the eyes of most Christians than the desire of pleasing their heavenly Father. You have a long way to go to reach full sanctification. John said -- Jesus said, I am the vine ye are the branches, he that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit for without me ye can do nothing." He has called on us to abide; he has called on us to continue in the faith, to become more and more rooted and grounded. God has an object. We are eternal ~~spir~~ spirits. This body is not ~~me~~ me. This body is merely the clothing that I have. It is a marvellous instrument God has given me for being active in this world of sense. But it is not me. I am a spirit. God created me. I cannot believe for an instant