

Wednesday Meetings
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"Success"

THE BIBLE

HYMNS: 65, 416, 382

Be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to the law. Turn not from the right hand or to the left. For then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success. Joshua 1

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matthew 6

And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God; he stood by the lake of Gennesaret. And saw two ships standing by the lake, but the fishermen were gone out of them, and washing their nets. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing. Nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken. And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not, from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ship to land, they forsook all, and followed him. Luke 5

Now about the time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him.

Peter therefore was kept in prison, but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison and he smote Peter on the side and raised him up saying, Arise up quickly, and his chains fell off from his hands.

And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on the sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him, and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel, but thought he saw a vision.

When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city which opened to them of his own accord and they went out, and passed on through and forthwith the angel departed from him. Acts 12

And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod. Acts 12

Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter. And when Herod had sought for him and found him not, he commanded that the keepers be put to death. And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel sat upon his throne and made an oration unto them. And the people gave a shout, saying, it is the voice of a God, and not of a man. And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the Ghost. Acts 12

Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning. Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only. James 1

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

When we wait patiently on God and seek Truth righteously, He directs our path. Page 254

“Occupy till I come!” Wait for your reward, and “be not weary in well doing.” If your endeavors are beset by fearful odds, and you received no present reward, go not back to error, nor become a sluggard in the race. Page 22

Individuals are consistent who, watching and praying, can “run, and not be weary: . . . walk, and not faint.” Who gain good rapidly and hold their position, or attain slowly and yield not to discouragement. Page 254

Christian Scientists must live under the constant pressure of the apostolic command to come out from the material world and be separate. Page 451

Man walks in the direction towards which he looks, and where his treasure is, there will his heart be also. If our hopes and affections are spiritual, they come from above, not from beneath, and they bear as of old the fruits of the Spirit. Page 451

It is not wise to take a halting and half-way position or to expect to work equally with Spirit and matter, Truth and error. There is but one way---namely, God and His idea—which leads to spiritual being.

Let it be understood that success in error is defeat in Truth.

On this fundamental point, timid conservatism is absolutely inadmissible. Only through radical reliance on Truth can scientific healing power be realized. Page 167

The objects we pursue and the spirit we manifest reveal our standpoint, and show what we are winning.

To ascertain our progress, we must learn where our affections are placed and whom we acknowledge and obey as God. Page 239

The term Science, properly understood, refers only to the laws of God and to His government of the universe, inclusive of man. From this it follows that business men and cultured scholars have found that Christian Science enhances their endurance and mental powers, enlarges their perception of character, gives them acuteness and comprehensiveness and an ability to exceed their ordinary capacity.

The human mind, imbued with this spiritual understanding, becomes more elastic, is capable of greater endurance, escapes somewhat from itself, and requires less repose. A knowledge of the Science of being develops the latent abilities and possibilities of man. It extends the atmosphere of thought, giving mortals access to broader and higher realms. It raises the thinker into his native air of insight and perspicacity. Page 128

Then hold your ground with the unshaken understanding of Truth and Love, and you will win. Page 417

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